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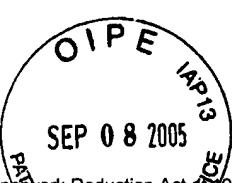
In re Application of: )  
ATSUTERU OIKAWA ET AL. ) : Examiner: Patrick H. Mackey  
Application No.: 10/784,954 ) : Group Art Unit: 3651  
Filed: February 25, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 8444  
For: SHEET DISCHARGING APPARATUS, ) : September 8, 2005  
AND SHEET TREATING APPARATUS :  
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS )  
USING THE SHEET DISCHARGING :  
APPARATUS )

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27	Examiner Name	Patrick H. Mackey
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small EntityFee(\$)    Fee(\$)

50    25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200    100

Multiple dependent claims

360    180

Total ClaimsExtra ClaimsFee (\$)Fee Paid (\$)Multiple Dependent Claims

$$5 - 20 \text{ or HP} = 0 \times 0 = 0$$

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification,    \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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